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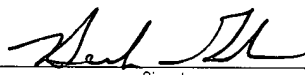
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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application (Divisional) Transmittal
From: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/803,560
Filed: March 9, 2001
For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW RACK SHAFT
By: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi WATANABE
Attorney Docket: 18733/00045

Dear Sir:

This Divisional Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HOLLOW RACK SHAFT, by Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi WATANABE, inventors:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter and a duplicate copy thereof (containing pertinent information relating to parent Application Serial No. 09/803,560, and a breakdown of the amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Copy of the Specification of the parent Application Serial No. 09/803,560 (38 pages, including 14 claims and an abstract);

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- (3) Formal Drawings from parent Application Serial No. 09/803,560 (14 sheets) (Figs. 1a-23); and
- (4) Transmittal of Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages) with attached copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent Application Serial No. 09/803,560 (8 pages).

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);
- (6) Submission of Substitute Specification (2 pages);
- (7) Copy of Substitute Specification (17 pages);
- (8) Copy of Marked-Up Copy of Substitute Specification (18 pages);
- (9) Information Disclosure Statement (5 pages);
- (10) PTO-1449 Form (2 pages); and
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This new application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/803,560, filed March 9, 2001, which claimed priority from Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 2000-064298, 2000-114306, and 2000-114502.

An Assignment from the inventors to NSK LTD., of the parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/803,560, is recorded at **REEL 011686, FRAME 0090**.

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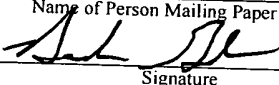
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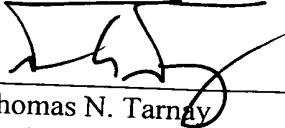
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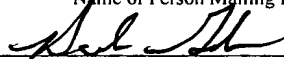
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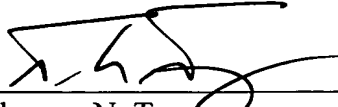
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SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with MPEP § 608.01(q), a marked specification is provided
herewith. The substitute specification is a true and accurate reproduction of the text of
the original specification and includes each of the modifications indicated within the
marked specification. The substitute specification does not include any new matter.

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